

INSTRUCTIONExtracurricular Activities: Generally**A. Generally**

Title IX guarantees that males and females will have equal opportunity to compete in athletics in a meaningful way. It does not ensure that male and female students will receive identical treatment in the areas of athletics.

B. Equal Opportunity

Equal opportunity for males and females must be provided in the following areas:

1. Supplies and Equipment

A method of determining the specific supply and equipment needs of males and females must be developed by each school. Coaches will meet with the principal or a designee at the end of each season to inventory equipment and approve necessary replacement or additional items.

2. Games and Practice Schedules/Facilities

Game schedules for the most part are determined by the district, regional and state requirements of the Virginia High School League. The facilities for games must be of comparable quality for both males and females.

Fair consideration must be given to both males and females in scheduling practices. Facilities as well as time deserve equal merit. The school shall provide male and female athletes equal access to gymnasiums, locker rooms, training rooms and laundry facilities.

3. Transportation

Transportation to practices and games must be on an equal basis.

4. Assignment of Coaches

Schools shall select the best available, qualified coaches for all athletic teams, male and female.

5. Medical and Training Services

Medical and training services must be provided on an equal basis. First aid supplies are a requirement for all teams. Medical and training personnel will be assigned on an equal basis when available.

6. Publicity

Press releases and advertising of athletic events shall place equitable emphasis on female and male sports. Particular attention shall be given to equitable emphasis in school publications.

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Comparable recognition for male and female athletes shall be given in all school displays.

Awards shall be presented to athletes on an equitable basis.

8. Officials

The best available, qualified officials shall be hired by the school for all athletic contests for males and females. The ratings of the Virginia High School League shall be used for officials' qualifications.

C. Complaints

Any coach, parent or athlete who seeks equity in the application of this regulation should follow the procedures enumerated in division regulation #R7-5.

D. Supervision

The staff member in charge of an activity will:

1. Assure the safety of all students under his/her charge;
2. Be responsible for the proper care of the facility in use;
3. Notify the principal immediately of any problems which might occur during the activity;
4. Not leave the premises until all students have left;_and,
5. Not permit Students to be involved in an after school athletic practice unless a coach is present.

Editor's Note

See also school board policy 6-33.

Legal Reference: Through June 30, 1999

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX") (20 U.S.C. 1681-1688)

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ("Section 504") (29 U.S.C. 706, 794).

Education for All Handicapped Children Act ("EAHCA") (20 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.); reenacted as Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA").

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